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Date: December 16, 2015 Re: Carla Bartholomew Kristy Ibarra, Executive Assistant Phone: (209) 525-5519

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Carla Bartholomew, age 62, of Modesto, was sentenced to three years in state prison on December 8, 2015 by Judge Thomas Zeff after she admitted violating her felony probation by continuing to abuse alcohol.

On March 11, 2015, at approximately 1 p.m., Bartholomew was involved in an accident at Scenic and Bodem in Modesto that injured two people. A Modesto Police Department investigation showed Bartholomew to be at fault. Testing showed her blood alcohol content to be .15%, well above the legal limit. She was arrested and charged with Felony Driving Under the Influence Causing Injury.

On July 17, 2015, Bartholomew pled to the charge and admitted she had two prior convictions for Driving Under the Influence. She was placed on felony probation for five years and ordered to serve time in the county jail. Her terms of probation included an order to abstain from using alcohol.

On November 25, 2015, Bartholomew was found drunk in her home. A violation of probation was filed in Court by the Stanislaus County Probation Department. Bartholomew admitted the violation, probation was terminated and a three year prison sentence imposed.

Deputy District Attorney Tony Colacito prosecuted the case for the People. His position is funded by a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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